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 Happy St Patrick’s Day!

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve.

Friday 17th March 2023

St Patrick is one of our four school saints along with St Francis, St Josephine and St Therese into which are children are grouped to earn tokens for rewards in recognition of good work, behaviour, kindness, respect, inclusion and love.

Thank you to everyone who has shown love and care by bringing in soap and toothpaste today which Ged Collins is going to take to an orphanage in Uganda

**This week in school:**

This week was British Science Week, so our science ambassadors led assemblies about the theme of connections. Today, each year group has completed a fun activity/ investigation to showcase the wonderful things we have around us.

EYFS made a shoebox habitat.

Year 1 investigated their own insect using a variety of materials.

Year 2 conducted a camouflage investigation.

Year 3 made bird feeders.

Year 4 created nature art using natural resources from our playground and field areas.

Year 5 and 6 dissected owl pellets to identify and classify and pattern seek food chains in more detail.

In addition, nursery children enjoyed melting the huge hailstones which fell this week in their hands. Reception learnt the names of 3d shapes. Year 1 have been looking at Manchester in the past and now through photographs. Year 2 have been busy writing their version of ‘ The Last Wolf.’ In science, Year 3 have been investigating the best conditions for seeds to grow. Year 4 have been learning how to divide by 10 and 100 in maths. Year 5 enjoyed dissecting the owl pellets and fining mice skulls and bones. In RE, Year 6 have been reading the story of Lazarus and discussing how to overcome loss.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Hassan for being a really kind friend to all of his peers | Archie for amazing phonics! |
| RBD | Olivia k for trying hard in all her work. | Victor for wonderful sentence writing. |
| RS | Leonardo for making good choices in the classroom this week. | Tomasz for creating some super patterns in maths! |
| 1D | Saffron for being a good role model to your peers and working hard every day. | Kian for making a big improvement in your writing. |
| 1G | Anna for always trying her best! | Oscar for a great plan for his character description. |
| 2C | Evie for being amazing in class all week | George for an amazing narrative based on ‘The Last Wolf’ |
| 2O | Tanatswa for always having such lovely manners and trying her best in everything she does. | Daniel for amazing writing this week in his narrative. |
| 3A | Lacey for always listening carefully to instructions and setting a fantastic example to her peers | Joakim for fantastic maths work learning all about capacity and volume |
| 3K | Hepzibah for always trying her best and for being an amazing role model to her classmates! | Julia for some fantastic writing this week when planning and writing a persuasive letter! |
| 4H | Sam for being an absolute superstar all week and always supporting his table. | Valeria for always getting 100% and working incredibly hard with her times tables. |
| 4S | Alexa for always being a fantastic role model and putting 100% effort into everything she does. | Ramani for working really hard on his times tables and making fantastic progress. |
| 5G | Ikemba for a growth mindset and challenging himself every day to make sure he reaches his full potential! | Evie-Mai for huge improvements to her writing. She has found a real talent for diary writing and also got her pen licence this week! |
| 5W | Etinosa for always putting in 100% effort in every lesson. | Millie for fantastic work in gymnastics this week. |
| 6F | Muhamed for being an excellent role model for his peers. | Izabelle for being an incredibly creative writer and always wanting to improve it even more! |
| 6H | Emmanuella for consistently wonderful behaviour- she is an absolute joy! | Zayn for some incredible maths work on statistics this week. |
| 6S | Erin for being an absolute joy to have in our class. She is a role model for consistently good behaviour. | Amelia for trying so hard in maths after school tutoring. She is putting in 110%. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Sean in RS for knowing the names of 3d shapes.

Louie C in 1G for writing great similes in his English work.

Olivia K in 2C for beautifully formed letters in her handwriting.

Jenson in 3K for a great improvement in his handwriting in all his books.

Bella in 6F for writing a sympathetic letter to a friend.

Oliver in 6S for leading the owl pellets science investigation in science club and class so well and confidently.

**Caritas Award**

This week, the Caritas award goes to Troy in Year 3 for his incredible generosity this week.

**Attendance**



School has been quieter this week with many classes closed due to strike action. Please remember if you have several children in different classes and their classes are open, the children are expected to be in school and are not to stay off due to their brothers and sisters being at home. Normal lessons and learning continued for those pupils in school.

This week, our whole school attendance was 95% which is a slight decline from last week. The best class was 5G with 100%, so they will be rewarded with a longer breaktime..

**Nursery admissions September 2023**

If you have a child, or know of a child, who was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they are eligible to apply for a Nursery place for September 2023. Please come into the main office in school and fill in an application form if you want a Nursery place for this September.

**Year 6 SATs week**

Year 6 SATs are due to take place from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May. It is vital that holidays during this period are not booked. All Year 6 pupils will be expected to be in school every day during SATs week and on time due to the timings of the assessments. I know May seems a long way off, but it will soon be here.

**Raffle**

We will be selling raffle tickets over the next two weeks for Easter hampers before and after school. Thank you to Zach and Jennifer Wilson’s grandma for donating a basket of goodies. The tickets will be £1 and the funds raised will go to St Joseph’s penny and CAFOD to support their work with people in need.

**The Big Lent Walk**

As part of our Lenten actions, the mini-Clares are organising a sponsored Big Lent Walk. The aim is that all the pupils will help their class to walk 14 miles during Lent. Jesus walked 600m from the courthouse to Golgotha where he was crucified. We are asking classes to make this walk forty times, to link to the forty days of Lent. The children will be bringing home sponsor forms and the money raised will be sent to support the work of CAFOD.

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**Upcoming dates:**

Wednesday 29th March – parents evening

Sunday 2nd April – Family Mass 10.30am

Wednesday 5th April – finish for Easter 1.15pm

Tuesday 9th – 12th May – Year 6 SATs week.

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend. See you on Monday for another busy week at St Clare’s,

Kind regards,

Mrs Howe.